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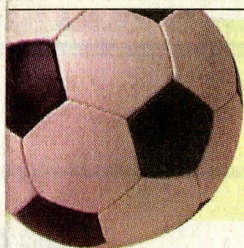
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# PATRIOT TALON

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## ANALYSIS

# Seeing green: Labor stats may help recent grads

By Allen Arrick  
Editor in Chief

A Tyler area labor market survey conducted by Dr. Marilyn Young indicated a growing market facing new challenges.

"It's a very important survey for companies coming into East Texas," Young said. "The first thing they look at is the labor force."

Young said this is the seventh survey she's conducted in the Tyler area and there weren't many surprises this time around, except the distance people were willing to commute for a job.

The *Talon* staff reviewed the top statistics indicated by this survey and why they're important to recent and future graduates.

**1 Employment:** Young's data show 86.7 percent employment, 13.3 percent unemployment in the Tyler area.

The unemployment rate in East Texas is higher than the current national average of 5.26 percent according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This means the Tyler labor market isn't as big as the rest of the nation and students might have to educate themselves and work harder to get their desired jobs.

**2 Desired hourly wage:** Those interested in changing jobs said they wanted \$12.26/hour on average. Those unemployed wanted less, \$11.17/hour.

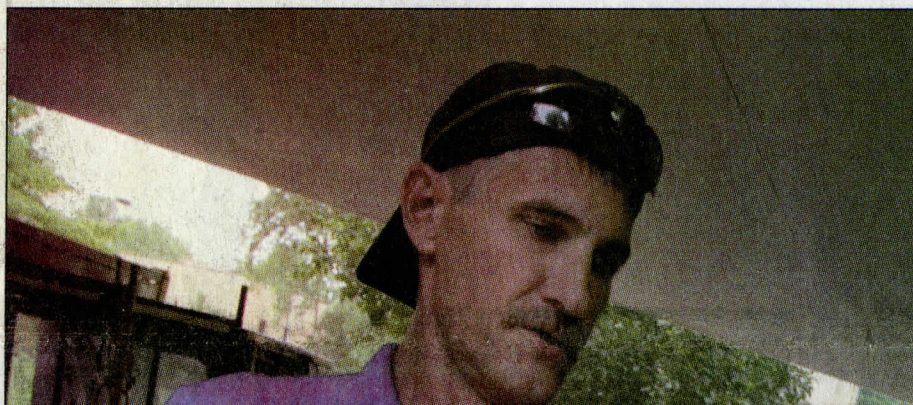
\$12/ hour is little more than \$25,000 per year, and far below the national average. This is the amount an average college student usually makes out of school. Moving up corporate ladders and constantly searching for new employment in the first years of a career can drastically improve this figure.

**3 Types of employment:** Major occupations reported by those surveyed were: office and administrative support, sales, production and education.

Students looking for jobs right out of school could use those occupations as a platform for starting a career. These are the occupations employers look most for, and are most available in the Tyler area. They might not pay the best, but they are indispensable to employers.

## HURRICANE IKE

# Round two



University mostly spared; evacuees make Tyler home for second time in month

By Melissa Greene  
Associate Editor

Evacuee shelters opened throughout Tyler for the second time this month to offer a safe haven for some of the nearly one million people in the path of Hurricane Ike.

The Patriot Center served as a shelter during Hurricane Gustav but got a break during

## CONSTRUCTION

# Administrator hopes UC completed by Christmas

By Allen Arrick  
Editor in Chief

It's been pushed back and pushed back again, but this time administrators say the new University Center will be completed for a changeover during Christmas break this year.

Gregg Lassen, vice president of business affairs, said the University is hopeful to change over offices to the new UC during

inside, but delays built up and Lassen said he was merely hopeful for a mid-fall opening.

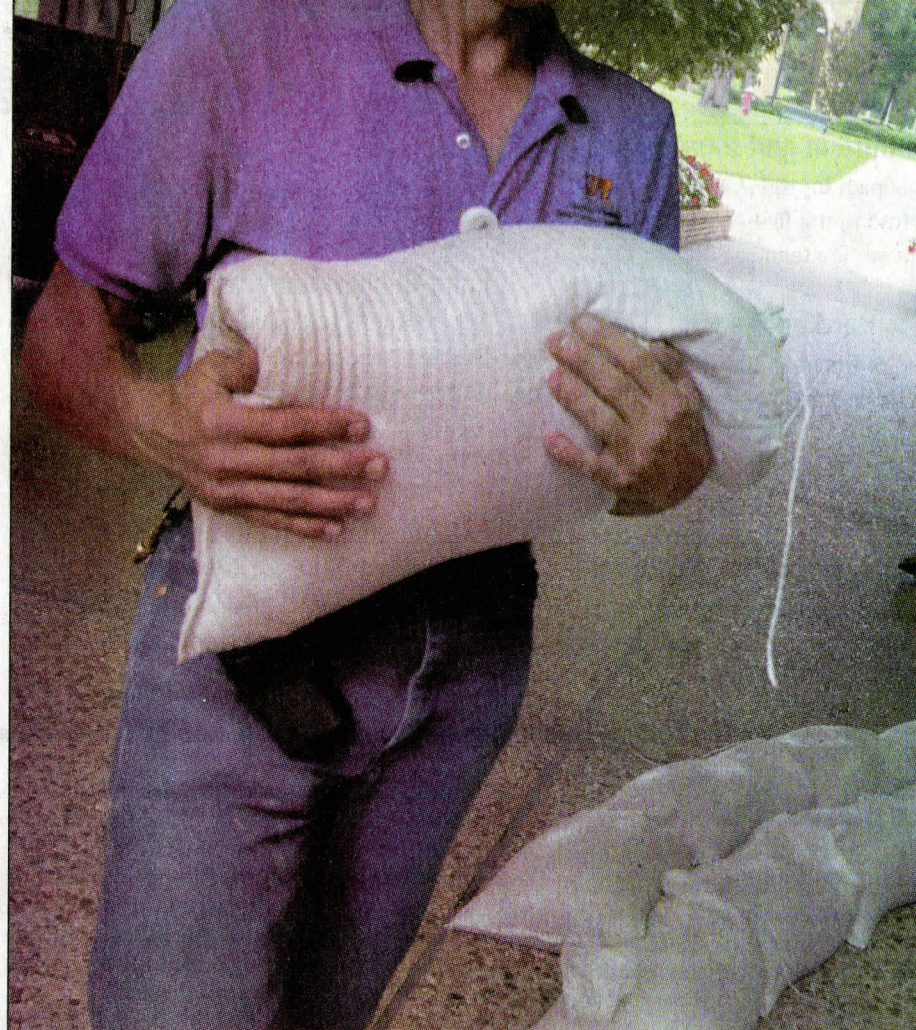
But now, after many setbacks and construction delays, he said he can only speculate on the current deadline.

"We got behind in the beginning and we never caught up," Lassen told the *Talon* in a previous story.

The current University Center will be renovated after the

**UC  
UPDATE**





**Physical Plant employee Jimmy Spanko builds a sand-bag barrier on Friday outside the Administration Building to channel potential flood waters expected from Hurricane Ike. High winds toppled some campus trees, but flooding did not occur. It caused Friday afternoon classes to be cancelled as well as the Martin Short performance Saturday night.**

TALON » ALLEN ARRICK

ing Hurricane Gustav, but got a break during Ike.

This time University nursing faculty and student assisted by preparing the Glass Recreational Center on North Broadway in Tyler as a special needs shelter, said Dr. Linda Klotz, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

The Texas Medical Rangers, a medical response group with the Texas State Guard, assisted at the shelter as well. For First Lt. George Owens, a University alumnus, the pattern of back-to-back hurricanes was familiar.

"It reminds me of Katrina and Rita, which I also participated in. It's very much like that. You always have a strain on your personnel because they just got through with one," he said. "But they answered the call because that's why we joined up. We know it isn't for the money."

The shelter served 93 special needs patients, people that are medically fragile, along with a few caregivers and family members, Owens said.

Level 2, 3 or 4 nursing students were once again offered the opportunity to earn clinical hours by volunteering at the shelter.

"We have to have 112 hours each semester per class," said Suzanne Fisher, a Level 3 nursing student volunteering at the shelter. Like many students, she is balancing a full load of classes and a fulltime job.

"It is stressful if you think about it, but while you're doing it, it's not," Fisher said. "And we also have our first exam on Wednesday."

During Hurricane Gustav, Fisher volunteered for an eight-hour night shift, but said that compared to the time others put in during Hurricane Gustav, her shift wasn't much.

"When we came to assist in the last shelter,

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Christmas but the setbacks so far hasn't given him confidence in the construction deadline.

In 2007 heavy rainfall during the summer held up construction crews working on the foundation. In the spring, delayed shipments of I-beams supporting the roof put the construction deadline back even further.

This summer crews worked to get the exterior glass on the building so they could finish the

new UC addition is finished. Offices, restaurants and stores will be moved to the new location while construction crews work to update the UCs dated interior.

Lassen said the entire UC should be completed by fall 2009.

Bob Harding, regional project manager for the UT system office of facilities planning and construction, was not available for comment.

## SGA members plan monthly student information forums

**By Allen Arrick**  
Editor in Chief

Members of the Student Government Association unanimously passed a resolution last week to create an open forum on the last Wednesday of every month to discuss SGA business with the student body.

SGA president Kerrie Ambort said the forum is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center open area.

"We are here for the students and the students need to know what is going on, and they need to have the opportunity to come and listen to what SGA is doing," Ambort said.

The motion was introduced by arts and sciences senator Nancy Palencia.

"A student came up to me and expressed concern that a public forum would be good idea," Palencia said. "We do so much but people just don't know what we do."

Joseph Solomon, president of the Black Student Association on campus, introduced the idea to the SGA and suggested the forum.

"The effort to communicate with the students is not as high as it should be," Solomon said. "There's a lot of stuff students don't know about the SGA. There's a lot of stuff I don't know about the SGA."

Ambort said SGA members plan to read approved motions and have a question and answer session at the meetings.

## Donors give \$50k to assist Palestine Campus construction

**By Brandon Pettet**  
Associate Editor

Paving the Way leaders Cad Williams, David Barnard, and Phil Jenkins worked to secure a gift of \$50,000 from Nucor which brings the university to approximately \$2.4 million of the \$2.5 million needed the University's Palestine Campus.

The UT Tyler Palestine campus administration plans to start construction on a new building at the beginning of 2009 as part of the Paving the Way.

"UT Tyler Palestine hopes to be taking bids on the construction project for an entirely new education building by the beginning of 2009" Marilyn Abegg, campaign consultant said.

The building is being constructed in an effort to bring in new students to the Palestine campus, "it provides an opportunity for residents of Palestine

PALESTINE » 5

## Sterken named school liaison to Texas legislature in spring

**By Allen Arrick**  
Editor in Chief

President Rodney Mabry appointed political science professor Dr. Robert Sterken as a liaison to the state legislature to relate information and answer questions from lawmakers regarding bills affecting University.

"During the legislative session [starting Jan. 3] we will review and help inform several hundred pieces of legislation that could have an impact on UT Tyler," Sterken said.

Sterken said he's looking at several things that could affect University students, such as state funding decreases per student and declining classroom space.

Mabry said he expects about 800 to 1,000 bills and UT system officials will track 300 to 400 of

STERKEN » 5

## New 'success department' offers students aid with difficult classes

**By Ashlie Osburn**  
Staff Writer

Two things that can assist incoming students are academic advising and academic support. Dana Welch is here to help meet that goal as the director of the Academic Success Department, a new division incorporating both necessities.

"That's why what I see as the reason this marriage is going to work between having all of this together, is that we can advise them and then we can support them," Welch said.

The offices of Academic Advising and Academic Support fall under the Academic Success division, which creates a smooth transi-

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## Six student veterans receive new Don King scholarships

**Lauren Hufham**  
Staff Writer

University President Rodney H. Mabry announced the first recipients of the "Only in America" Don King scholarship on Aug. 29.

The six recipients were: senior Darrell Geisendorff; juniors Steven Harbaugh and Miguel Garcia; sophomores Adrian Lopez, Jack Adams and Daniel Gibson.

The new scholarship was announced in March 2008 and funded by proceeds from a R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center visit by King, a boxing promoter. The scholarship was designed to recognize the contribu-

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## POLICE REPORTS

The following information was made from police reports from the University Police and the Tyler Police department obtained between Aug. 27 and Sept. 9.

Aug. 27 – A car's tires were damaged in the Cambridge parking lot.

Aug. 27 – University Police responded to two motor vehicle accidents.

Aug. 27 – Two students reported receiving threats involving the use of a firearm.

Aug. 28 – University Police responded to a motor vehicle accident outside RBN. EMS was called

Aug. 28 – University Police received a call that a car was hit in the U Pines parking lot.

Aug. 28 – University Police were dispatched to the bookstore for a disturbance.

Aug. 28 – A student reported her IPOD Nano was stolen.

Aug. 28 – An assault involving two male Varsity Place roommates resulted with one male suffering apparent broken bones. He was treated on site by EMS. They were fighting over a woman.

Aug. 29 – University Police were called about a vehicle burglary in the Ornelas Activity Center

Aug. 29 – Three plasma televisions and two DVDs were stolen from the Cambridge clubhouse.

Aug. 29, Sept. 7 – Police received a noise complaint at Cambridge.

Sept. 1 – University Police were called about the smell of marijuana at U Pines. Police did not find marijuana on the suspect or in his apartment.

Sept. 2 – A male reported he was assaulted at Varsity Place.

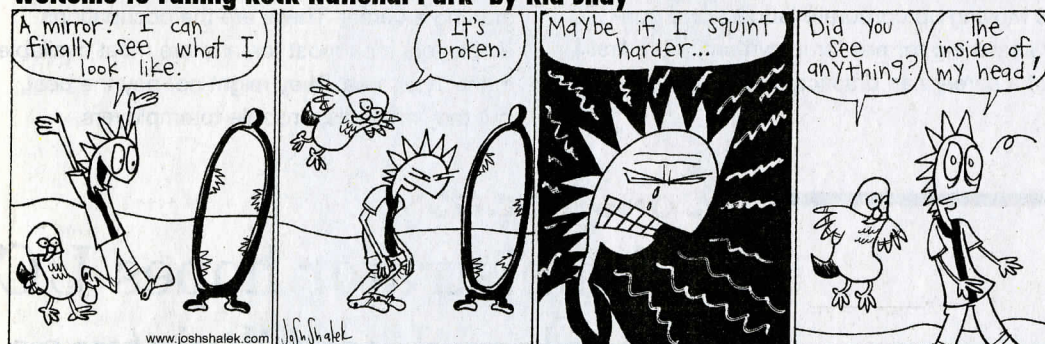
Sept. 3 – Police received a noise complaint at Varsity Place.

Sept. 4 – Physical plant employees reported a vehicle accident in front of the library.

Sept. 7 – A woman reported her car was keyed at Varsity Place.

Sept. 9 – University Police heard the fire alarm go off at U Pines building 7. Police spoke with the resident assistant and was told someone may have pulled the alarm as a joke.

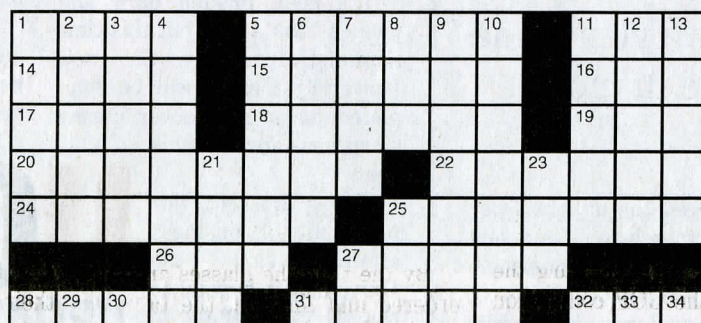
## Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Kid Shay



## Crossword

### ACROSS

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- 5 \_ Newton-John
- 11 Concorde, e.g.
- 14 Decisive defeat
- 15 Say by rote
- 16 Wanted letters
- 17 Advocate
- 18 More profound
- 19 Combine
- 20 First courses



## Quote of the week:

"Persons not heeding evacuation orders in single-family one- or two-story homes will face certain death."

-National Hurricane Center advisory for Ike

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## Massive search under way for those who defied Ike

Emergency workers in Southeast Texas look for residents who stayed behind during Ike

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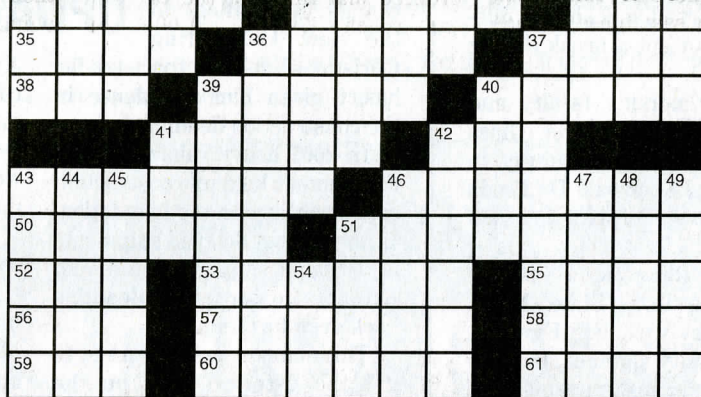
## Hurricane Ike evacuees

Volunteers from the University worked again this weekend to help Beaumont evacuees.





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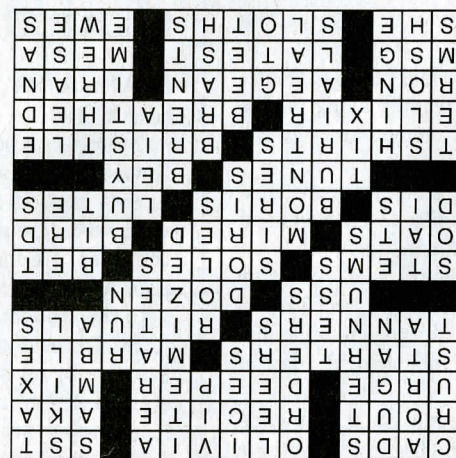


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## Women take third in golf tournament

The third place finish for the Patriots was the highest finish among the five American Southwest Conference teams.

## Patriots fall to Harding Bisons

In their only win of the year, the Harding Bisons beat the men's soccer team 4-1

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## Speaking ability important to candidates

Many say substance is more important than style, but columnists Allen Arrick sees differently.

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## Students, faculty gather by Harvey

## Lake to commemorate attacks of 9/11

In a "Unity Picnic" sponsored by the Black Student Association, students and faculty gathered to remember attack victims.

## Grammar police strike again

Columnists Melissa Greene weighs in on the pros and cons of being a grammar snob.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Patriot Idol

The University of Texas at Tyler Alumni Association with the Campus Activities Board announced the 3rd annual Patriot Idol contest that takes place this year on Oct 9.

The event offers University students a chance to compete in an "American Idol" format for a chance to win a \$150 prize.

Also, the contest features a Rising Patriot Idol competition, which offers area high school students a chance to compete. All high school students are eligible to compete.

High School students wishing to take place in the

competition must first upload a video of themselves singing to the viral video website YouTube and submit the link by e-mail to be voted on.

"I have been invited by the Alumni Association to attend an event before the competition this year," said Tony Croff, last years second place Patriot Idol winner. "I might come, but I live in Paris now and it's to far ahead of time to say for sure."

Judges for this years' contest are D.J. Luscious Ice of The Blaze Radio Station 102.7, Kenny Smith of The Ranch radio station 99.9, and Joey McKenney of Mix radio station 93.1.

The contest will be held in the Maytee-Fisch Convocation Center that has a seating capacity of 2,000 people.

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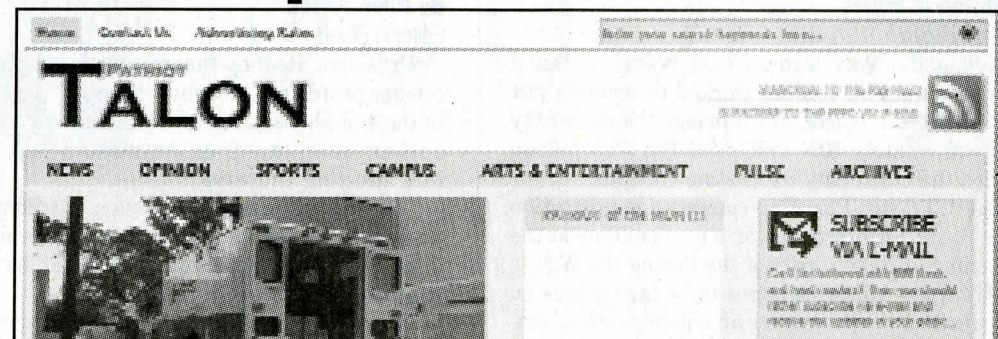
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## REVIEW

# “Baby Mama” induces hilarity

By Ashley Stewart  
Contributing Writer

## “Baby Mama”

Rating: PG-13

99 minutes

Price: \$17.86 for DVD and \$25.86 for Blu-Ray at Wal-Mart.

Kate, played by Tina Fey, is a single 37-year-old businesswoman who wants to have a baby but doesn't have the means to have one herself. So, she decides to hire a surrogate, who turns out to be an unsophisticated woman named Angie, played by Amy Poehler. After Angie has a fight with her common-law husband, she must move in with Kate and the hilarity ensues. Shorthand: it's “The Odd Couple” with estrogen.

The special features on this DVD are hilarious. The deleted scenes are surprisingly entertaining and most of them should have been in the actual movie. In one deleted scene, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler rap while playing Karaoke Revolution. The alternate ending is too perfect, but is interesting to watch nonetheless. The featurettes are a tad bit redundant at times, but are informative, entertaining, and also had adequate running times. The funniest part of the featurettes is Dax Shepard, who plays Angie's common-law husband, talking about how closely he resembles his character in the movie.

The feature film earned itself a three out of five star rating and the special features got four out of five stars.

Special Features include: Alternate Ending, Deleted Scenes, “Saturday Night Live: Legacy of Laughter” featurette, “From Conception to Delivery—The Making of ‘Baby Mama’” featurette, and audio commentary from Tina Fey and Director Michael McCullers.

## ELECTION 2008

# ‘Naughty librarian’

Although some are voting for Vice Presidential candidate because of her political views and hockey mom background, some are voting the McCain-Palin ticket because of another reason: they vote Republican because of her glasses.

By Jan Uebelherr

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel  
(MCT)

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — She's the moose-hunting mother of five, the busy hockey mom who rose from small-town mayor to governor of Alaska. GOP vice presidential pick Sarah Palin is all that — and she's got cool glasses, too.

Trendhunter.com, a Web site that ferrets out the latest crazes across the globe, says the Palin frames have fueled a “designer-eyeglasses frenzy.” Marie Claire magazine declared the specs, by Japanese designer Kazuo Kawasaki, “a style hit.” They're a pricey one, too, starting at \$375 just for the titanium frames.

Some media outlets, including the *Huffington Post*, wondered if the glasses were “the new Hillary Clinton pantsuit.”

Why all the buzz about the frames? And will consumers bite, despite the price?

They appear smitten with what these glasses say.

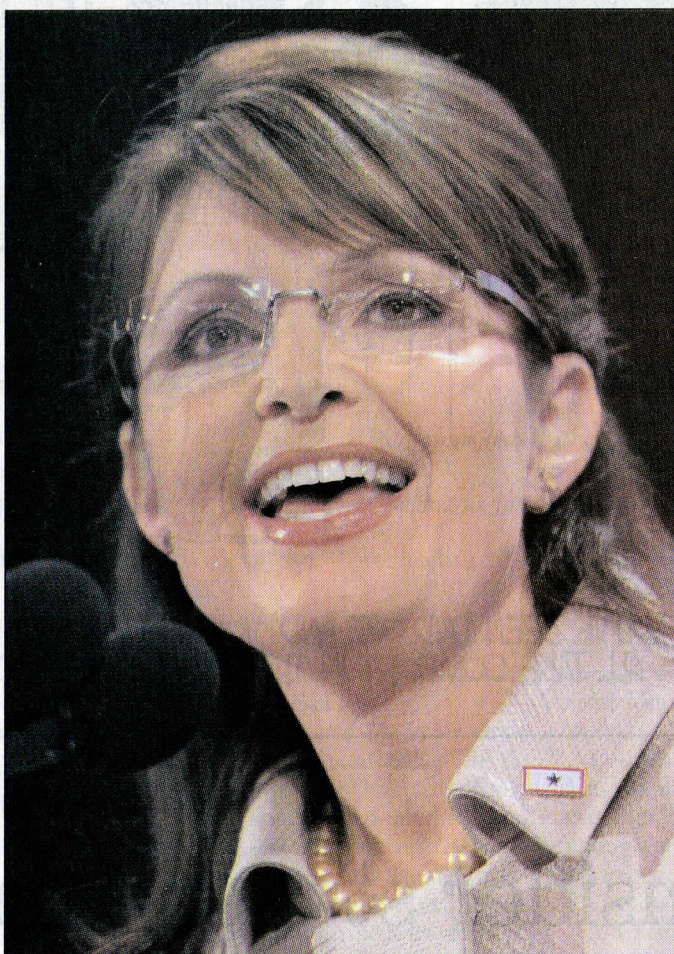
“Smart. Educated. Very businesslike,” says Dana Schwalenberg, an optician at Optix, who fielded a half dozen calls about the glasses after the GOP convention.

“It's a real nice sophisticated look, but it still has an edge to it,” says Jennifer Heiden, an optician at Ziegler & Leffingwell Eyecare in West Allis, which specializes in high-end eyewear.

Heiden has been going through a stack of inquiries about the Palin frames every day when she gets to work.

“They call asking for the particular model — the Kawasaki 704,” she says. “It's like they've already done their research on it. They just love how it looks.”

Heiden finally called the Kawasaki company to ask



FILE PHOTO » MCT

**Sarah Palin in her \$375 Japanese Kazuo Kawasaki eyeglasses. The glasses that Palin wears have created a “designer-eyeglasses frenzy.” Some optometrist have run out of that style of glasses.**

about getting samples so people could try them on.

“Even before I said what frame, they said, ‘Let me guess — the 704,’” she says.

At Optix, callers get right to the point. “They'll use her name (and say), ‘Her glasses were cool.’ And they're looking for something like that,” says Schwalenberg. Optix hasn't sold any of the Kawasaki glasses yet, but it has ordered a catalog for customers to peruse.

E. Molly Quinn, who called Optix in pursuit of the frames, says Palin has made it more than OK for her to wear glasses.

dent is feeling confident about wearing glasses, maybe so can I.”

## FRAMING THE ARGUMENT

But is this about more than just puttinglasses in glasses? Could it be that we take the former beauty queen more seriously when she's behind a pair of specs?

Some pundits call Palin's style the “naughty librarian” look. But would Joe Lieberman, also vetted as a veep candidate, be transformed into any kind of librarian, glasses or not, had he been picked?

“It shows how little we've advanced, that we're focusing on hair, makeup and glasses,” says Karen O'Connor, founder and director of the Women & Politics Institute at American University in Washington, D.C.

“This goes back to Geraldine Ferraro,” says O'Connor, author of “Gendering American Politics” and “Women, Politics, and American Society. When Ferraro ran for vice president with Walter Mondale, O'Connor recalls, “The big issue was ‘What is she going to wear?’”

It's a little different with glasses, she says. But only a little.

“Once you've seen what she's wearing, that's gone. But the glasses stay” and continue to attract attention, she says.

“Historically, people attach intelligence to people who wear glasses. So if there's a question about ‘how smart you are, or how ready you are for this office, you're going to keep those glasses on,’” O'Connor says.

By the time the glasses are ordered and finished, the tab can reach \$700 to \$1,000, according to local opticians.

“Yeah, they look great on Sarah Palin,” Heiden says, “but not everyone looks like Sarah Palin.”

## REVIEW

# Thrilling debut about suicide

By Kyle G. Horst

Entertainment Editor

304 Pages

List price \$16.99

Covering a topic most fictional authors avoid, “13 Reasons Why” begins with a simple high school senior Clay Jenkins. After coming home one day he finds a simple package has been delivered to him that is full of archaic cassette tapes with no note and no return address.

These tapes proceed to ruin the rest of his day and change his life.

After popping the tapes into an old tape player that Clay found in his garage, he hears to his delight, and to his horror, the voice of Hannah Baker, his crush and fling who committed suicide the week before.

Clay and the rest of his class acknowledged Hannah's death, but they would not talk about it, rather they noticed the empty desk in the middle of the classroom with a quiet reverence.

The seven tapes Clay receives are dedicated to 12 people who gave her 13 reasons to end her life by swallowing a mouthful of pills.

Hannah and Clay's story is told in a dual narrative format in which the voice on the tapes interjects Clay's thoughts.

The novel is a story of life altering change that you think about for days, if not years after you have finished the book. A short novel at 300 pages, it can easily be finished on a Sunday afternoon without any trouble.

The people who Asher portrays seem normal on the outside, but in reality they each have their own dirty secret, with some being darker than others. Without giving too much of the plot away, the secrets range from ignorance to abusive boyfriends.

This novel is more than a story, it is a message. Some of the reasons Hannah ends her life



## TUNES AT NOON



TALON » KYLE G. HORST

**Rachel Loy**, an indie recording artist from Austin, performed as a guest for the Office of Student Life and Leadership on Sept 4. The next Tunes at Noon will feature Shevy Smith on Sept 18 at noon. Shevy Smith has been voted "2008s Female Performer of the Year" by Campus Activities Reader's Choice.

## COMING THIS WEEK

### *Brisingr*: Book three of the Inheritance Cycle

Following the colossal battle against the Empire's warriors on the Burning Plains, Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have narrowly escaped with their lives. Still there is more at hand for the Rider and his dragon, as Eragon finds himself bound by a tangle of promises he may not be able to keep.

First is Eragon's oath to his cousin Roran: to help rescue Roran's beloved, Katrina, from King Galbatorix's clutches. But Eragon owes his loyalty to others, too. The Varden are in desperate need of his talents and strength—as are the elves and dwarves.

Can this once-simple farm boy unite the rebel forces and defeat the king?

—Knopf Books

### Metallica and Rick Rubin team up for their latest fix

The production genius Rick Rubin, who is behind the Red Hot Chili Peppers, LL Cool J, Slayer, Aerosmith/Run-D.M.C., and Mick Jagger, helps Metallica release their 9th album of their career.

Called one of the "Big Four" of metal bands (Metallica, Anthrax, Megadeth, and Slayer) it sounds as if the band came out of a daze.

The compositions are nasty and complex, with double- and half-time rhythm switches, twinned and harmonized guitar solos and a few sweeping melodies recalling the Black Album.

The album bets on the fact that the musicians have matured, and can prove it.

—Ben Ratliff, *New York Times*

### Igor, the animated feature competes with Dane Cook

In a land of mad scientists and diabolical inventions, what do you do when you're born with a hunch on your back?

You become an Igor.

A hilarious twist on the classic monster movie, "Igor" tells the story of one Igor who's sick of being a lowly lab assistant with a Yes Master's degree and dreams of becoming a scientist.

When his cruel master kicks the bucket a week before the annual Evil Science Fair, Igor finally gets his chance.

Also this weekend is the Samuel L. Jackson flick "Lakeview Terrace", and "My Best Friends Girlfriend" starring Kate Hudson and Dane Cook.

Rated PG. Running time 86 min.

—igor-movie.com

### Heroes returns to save NBC in wake of strike

The third season of Heros, aptly named Volume 3: villains returns this fall after a hiatus due to the writers strike last year.

The over-reaching arc of this new chapter looks to explore what makes someone a villain and what makes a hero – and like many successful mythology-driven genre TV shows before it, it will be blurring the line between the two.

There are many flashbacks and flashforwards that hint at future battles and future selves yet to come. Yet, as we know in any superhero tale, nothing is completely written in stone and it's up to everyone's individual decisions that will ultimately shape the final outcome.

Premieres Sept 22 at 8 pm.

—ifmagazine.com

the reasons Hannah ends her life is because of trivial nonsense such as gossip. It honestly makes the reader think about what they have said over the last few days to see if they might have hurt someone in this way.

The people, the plot, and the reactions that Asher writes about are so believable at some points you have to remember that the book is a novel and not a non-fiction work.

A type of intense love story, "13 Reasons Why" should be added to anyone's list of books to read before they die.

Although the book is not as groundbreaking as author Douglas Adams' "The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy" or as epic as Homer's "The Odyssey," it is a fervent story everyone should read before the end of their life. The novel goes to show how everything eventually adds up, even the smallest actions, to create a "snowball effect" that eventually caused Hannah to give up on life.

If you are a fan of the *Twilight Saga* by Stephenie Meyer and already have finished her latest novel "Breaking Dawn", this book is a perfect fit for your tastes. Also fans of the Lindsey Lohan Movie Mean Girls, 13 Reasons Why runs along the same, intense teen lines.

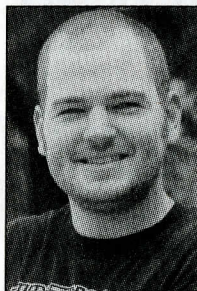


# 4 » OPINION

## Style over substance not always bad

In a presidential race, the style and delivery of a speech often overshadow the content.

Even if we try to deny it, good speaking ability is an important part of being a president who must stand-up to world leaders, persuade the other side and motivate the country. Speeches from both Democrats and Republicans this year have been sometimes boring, and sometimes enthusiastic, often uplifting and even some might say bit shrill.



**Allen Arrick**  
Editor in Chief

Barack Obama is the classic example of a powerful speaker, whose style often means more to his audience than his words. McCain on the other hand has a more temperate speaking voice, which –if you're like me – can be construed as boring.

Dr. Michael Eidenmuller, professor of communications at the University, has theories on the ability of both candidates to persuade and uplift an audience.

McCain is not a particularly charismatic speaker, Eidenmuller said.

That's for sure.

"McCain has a persona that he's trying to create for the American people and part of that persona is temperance," Eidenmuller said. "Obama doesn't have years in the Senate cultivating enemies who have gone on record saying he doesn't have the temperance to be president."

McCain does, and that's why he's trying to portray himself as a leader with a calm temperament – one you might get from your grandfather – or Dumbledore.

But Slate.com has a different perspective on Obama's speaking ability.

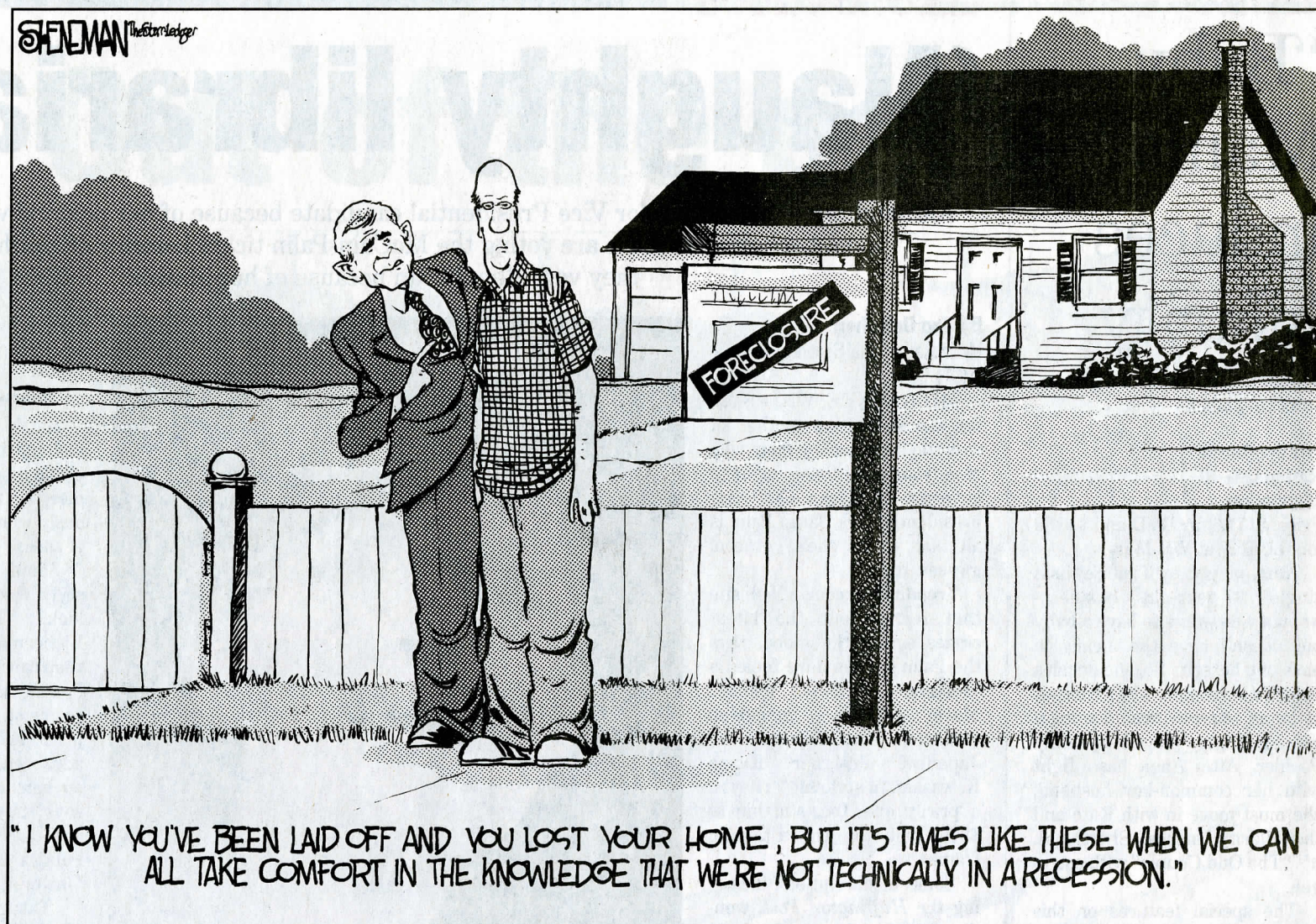
In an article about the rhetorical device used in so many convention speeches, the antimetabole – a device that uses opposites to convey a position – the Slate writes about Obama's reluctance to use these kinds of devices.

The antimetabole was popularized by Kennedy, who famously used it in his inaugural address, saying, "Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

Julien Lapidus from the Slate noted, "...it's unusual to hear so many finely wrought phrases tossed around by politicians—especially during an election cycle when the Democratic nominee is regularly accused of favoring words over substance."

In other words, Obama is trying to create a common-man persona, while McCain is creating a temperate persona.

The persona-building component is especially important in this race when foreign leaders like Vladimir Putin and Chinese Premier Hu Jintao are watching.



### Outsourcing the University

## Consider student's needs, pocketbooks when deciding outsourcing services

A long time ago in a place far away, Dallas, I began my college career. After purchasing my textbooks for the semester I came to the depressing realization that the rumors are true.

College students really do go through serious monetary troubles while in school.

It seems that at least one of the catalysts of this trouble is outside business' coming in and charging students high prices for required items.

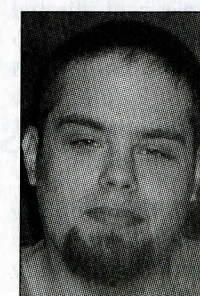
Every semester college students spend thousands of dollars on items not included with their tuition – books, expensive calculators for math classes, along with other items.

ing for books.

Often this requires them to have to wait until later in the semester to be able to pay for their entire list of books which could have a negative impact on their grades.

Of course bookstores are not the only businesses with other prices.

From the administrative perspective, campus development can be a costly and slow process.



**Brandon Petty**  
Opinion Editor

nice, for instance outside food services.

Outside food services at the university allows students to pay a reasonable price, \$7.63 for an all-you-can-eat dinner buffet, for enough meals for the semester.

Some complain about the price but in comparison to most all-you-can-eat restaurants it seems reasonable.

This assistance helps the student body, at least those on a meal plan, not have to think about how they are going to have to pay for their next meal.

The important thing is to remember to pick and choose what services should be outsourced.



tant in this race when foreign leaders like Vladimir Putin want to strong-arm the United States and the persuasive power of Washington lobbyists is a hot topic.

Speaking ability is as important to the American public as communication skills are to a potential job employer. Even if you are the best person qualified for the job, no one will hire you if you can't communicate effectively.

Humans are a species built on communication and teamwork, and neither of those is possible without good speaking ability.

tuition - books, expensive calculators for math classes, along with other items.

In some cases it is not in the student's best interest to bring outside companies on the campus.

Of course there are always two sides to every coin.

On the one hand, most college students make little to no money and have a difficult time pay-

development can be a costly and slow process.

Certainly the administration wants an attractive and large enough campus for the students but at the same time they have a budget they must work with, dealing with outside construction companies makes it difficult to be both fast and cost effective.

On the other hand, some outside help can be

and choose what services should be outsourced, if it can be done internally and is best for the students than it should be kept internal.

However, if going to an outside company is the only reasonable choice, then that is what must be done.

The important thing is to remember the students best interest.

## Campus Voice Q:

The administration is considering changing the drop policy where students need approval from either a professor or a dean to drop the course. What's your opinion about this?



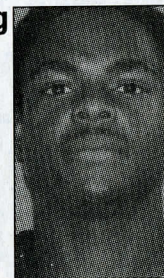
► "It's good for students to plan and think more before taken classes that they might drop."

**Hayley Wallace**  
history, sophomore



► "College is about making your own choices and if those choices are taken away how are we going to learn."

**Brittany Heinrichs**  
nursing, sophomore



► "This takes away our choice and freedom on deciding whether you stay in that class or not."

**Kevin Murray**  
kinesiology, sophomore



► "Because we pay to go to school, students should have the decision over whether they drop or not"

**Sara Brazzil**  
education, senior

# Bad grammar breeds culture of shortcuts, sloppy language

We found it inside Johnson Space Center, a white sign nearly two feet wide with large, red block letters.

"LINE STARTS HEAR."

I rolled my eyes. My 10-year-old daughter looked smugly victorious.

"See Mom, you don't have to spell to be a rocket scientist," she said, confident she'd found a way out of her spelling homework.

I wished for a marker or red pen to use on the offensive sign but settled instead for a photo of my daughter pointing to the typo and laughing.

Typos usually aren't a laughing matter in journalism, where accuracy means telling the reader there is there and not their unless it is theirs.

So when I heard about Jeff Deck and Benjamin

Herson, known informally as the "Typo Vigilantes," I wanted to stand up and yell something articulate and quotable.

Deck and Herson were recently sentenced to probation and banned from all national parks for a year after pleading guilty to conspiracy to vandalize government property.

They copy-edited a sign at Grand Canyon National Park.

With the help of a marker and correction fluid, the vigilantes repaired a comma problem and added an apostrophe on a 60-year-old, hand-painted sign.

Personally, I think authorities arrested the wrong people.

Now I don't encourage anyone to deface public

**Melissa Greene**  
Associate Editor

property, but to me the ones who create signs like the one at the Space Center should be held partially responsible.

Grammar and spelling usage reveals a person's character and anyone too lazy to make sure what they say makes sense should be banned from being a representative of English-speaking people.

Take text-messages, for example.

Believe it or not, text messaging lingo doesn't bother me as long as it stays in a text message.

Two semesters ago I sat awestruck as a classmate presented her semester project, worth half her grade. Her speech was well received, but the text-message lingo used on each PowerPoint slide was a grammatical nightmare of exclamatory proportions. The word "to" was replaced with the

numeral "2," "because" was written as "bcuz," and so on.

She couldn't understand why her project was graded so low, even after the error was explained, because that's how she had always communicated.

Mistakes breed mistakes, especially in relation to spelling and grammar. Studies have proven that repeated exposure to a misspelled word increases the likelihood you will spell it incorrectly as well.

What you learn as a child in elementary school (which, ironically, used to be referred to as "grammar school") is the basis for lifelong communication.

I don't know if whomever made the Space Center sign ever realized their mistake. But as long as there are people like Deck and Herson around, there is hope.

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## Success

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tion for incoming students.

"In my mind the most important goal is to take the students as freshmen ... give them accurate advising and then once they're on that journey, give them the support that they need with learning communities and SI (supplemental instruction) and things like that so they can be successful in those classes," Welch said.

Academic Support staff also provides assistance through Student Learning Communities and the Supplemental Instruction Program.

Student Learning Communities group students within the same major and places them in two academic courses together. They also have weekly meetings with a peer mentor to teach valuable lessons such as time management and study skills, Welch said.

She said this form of learning enables students to see familiar faces within their classrooms and have study groups available

weekly.

Supplemental Instruction also is available to students under Academic Success.

This program focuses on support with courses deemed "difficult," such as biology, chemistry, calculus and physics.

Welch said students who already have been successful in a course are hired to attend the course along with students within the program. The mentors also provide three-hour tutoring sessions per week to further assist them.

She said the programs are free to students and are open to anyone needing help.

To get more information or get enrolled in these programs, students should visit the department of Academic Success in the University Center.

"We are a very rigorous academic institution and this is a way for us to give them some of the skills that they need to be successful in those classes," Welch said.

## Vets

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tions of military men and women by providing scholarships to them or their dependents.

"It is with great pride that we name the first students to receive these scholarships, which represent the honor and respect that we extend to all the men and women who serve to protect this country," Mabry said. "This is our opportunity to show our gratitude while enabling them, or their family, to pursue higher education."

"The scholarship is a nice acknowledgement of spending a decade in the military and working and keeping the GPA I have," Adams said.

Veterans can receive \$1,100 per month for education-related expenses through the Montgomery GI Bill.

Mabry said veterans receive \$9,900 to pay tuition and fees, but

the cost causes little to be left for food, shelter and family needs.

"This scholarship paid for my \$700 plus worth of books. It's a huge help," Adams said.

"We want to give our veterans and their spouses, and children in some cases, an opportunity to go to or stay in school. At the same time, we want to thank them for their service to our country," Mabry said.

The scholarship is up to \$1,000 per semester for fall and spring semesters only. Students must be enrolled full time at the University and apply each semester.

The application requires an essay to identify the student's need and why they should be selected, said Candice Lindsey, University associate dean for enrollment management.

## IKE CLEANUP



TALON » KYLE G. HORST

Workers clear fallen tree debris from the outer lane of Old Omen road near the University entrance on Saturday. Hurricane winds toppled two trees at this location and temporarily blocked one direction of traffic. University officials expect to continue to assess damages on Monday.

## Sterken

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those.

"He works with primarily the staffs of the various committees that want information from us," Mabry said. "We don't advocate one bill or another."

"[UT] System actually is queried for their opinions during the legislative session and [Sterken] is the one who gather's the information for them," Jesse Acosta, University chief of staff said.

UT system requires the University to have someone in that role, Mabry said. Former

University administrator Dale Lunsford was the previous legislative liaison until he became president of Letourneau

"I love the work," Sterken said. "I love telling all who will listen that we have wonderful students, faculty and staff at UT Tyler. We are doing many great and exciting things on our campus."

Mabry said he's glad Sterken accepted the role.

"As a political scientists he's excited to be able to keep track of all this," Mabry said.

## Palestine

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and the surrounding area to stay close to home for their college education" Jim Landrum, general manager of Nucor's Vulcraft division said.

Nucor is a steel company with operations in the United States and Canada. The money is scheduled to be given out over a period of five years; the first payment was made last year, an official said.

The State of Texas also has made contributions to the project.

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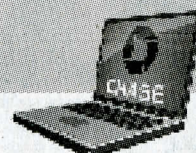


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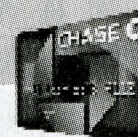
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# 6 » NATIONAL NEWS

## Massive search under way for those who defied Ike

By Eva-Marie Ayala,  
Aman Batheja  
and Evan S. Benn

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

**GALVESTON, Texas** — Hurricane Ike flooded thousands of homes, blew out countless windows and left millions without electricity in Texas and Louisiana Saturday as authorities took to boats and helicopters to help rescue people stranded by the rising water.

The storm claimed at least two lives in Texas after rumbling ashore in Galveston at 2:10 a.m. as a 110-mph Category 2 cyclone, but officials said the death toll could rise in the coming days, and damage cleanup will likely take six months or longer.

"Most fatalities come after a storm," said R. David Paulison, head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "Don't get impatient. Don't go out too early."

As the wind and rain subsided, attention turned to the tens of thousands who ignored mandatory evacuation orders from coastal areas.

Galveston Beach Patrol officers pulled Victor Huerta and Cecilia Rivera out of their flooded home in West Galveston Saturday afternoon.

"We lost everything," Rivera cried from the rescue boat.

The couple chose not to evacuate, thinking the storm would not be as bad as predicted. But they found themselves fleeing to the attic when water rushed into the house and rose 7 feet up the walls.

Rescue crews plucked them and others trapped in homes and moved them to higher ground elsewhere on the island.

Angie Wright, 49, spent Friday night at a hurricane shelter with her pit bull-boxer mix and tried to return to her Galveston neighborhood Saturday. She appeared disoriented, wearing socks but no shoes as she waded through floodwater and considered aloud



MCT/DALLAS MORNING NEWS » G.J. McCarthy  
**Three men struggle to move a boat that left its mooring at a nearby marina and entered into the flooded parking lot of an apartment complex hours after Hurricane Ike passed over El Lago, Texas on Saturday.**

where she would go.

"I could just sleep in my car," she said.

"The unfortunate truth is we're going to have to go in and put our people in the tough situation to save people who did not choose wisely," said Andrew Barlow, a spokesman for Texas Gov. Rick Perry. "We'll probably do the largest search and rescue operation that's ever been conducted in the state of Texas."

Perry mobilized 7,500 National Guard troops, Coast Guard helicopters searched for flood victims, and Houston Mayor Bill White said firefighters and police officers started responding to emergencies as

soon as conditions became safe Saturday morning.

"It looks like a bomb went off over there," Houston Police Officer Joseph Ledet told the Associated Press as he looked up at the 75-story JPMorgan Chase Tower and its shattered windows. "Just destruction."

About 2 million people fled coastal communities before the storm made landfall, but another 140,000 chose to ride out the hurricane at home, said U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. He flew to Texas on Saturday night to assess the damage.

The first two deaths blamed on Ike were a woman in

Pinehurst, Texas, who was killed when a tree fell on her home, and a man in Corpus Christi, who slipped off a jetty and was swept out to sea. The storm had already claimed more than 80 lives in the Caribbean last week on its march toward the Gulf Coast.

The American Red Cross provided shelter to 20,000 evacuees at 155 locations in Texas and Arkansas. A woman gave birth at a middle school shelter in New Braunfels, Texas, just northeast of San Antonio.

A geriatric psychiatrist, an intensive-care nurse and a few volunteers helped Ku Paw deliver a baby girl on a bathroom floor at Church Hill Middle School

Friday night. Mother and infant were then taken to a local hospital for evaluation.

"It's kind of like riding a bike," Dr. Mark Burns said to The Herald-Zeitung newspaper about delivering his first baby in two decades.

President Bush declared a major disaster in Texas and Louisiana and ordered immediate federal aid.

"People of that area can rest assured that the American people are praying for them and will be ready to help once the storm moves on," Bush said from the White House.

About 3.5 million people lost power in Texas and Louisiana,

and power companies warned it could be weeks before all service is restored. Initial tallies indicated several thousand homes were destroyed throughout southeast Texas, including some in Surfside Beach just south of Galveston.

"It's pretty bad," Surfside Beach Mayor Larry Davison told AP. "It'll take six months to clean it up."

Despite the widespread flooding, officials said the damage would have been catastrophic if Ike had produced a 20- to 25-foot storm surge as some forecasts projected. The actual storm surge topped out at 12 to 15 feet in most areas, said Hans Graber, a University of Miami researcher who studies tidal surges.

"Fortunately, the worst-case scenario did not occur," Perry said.

Ike was a very wide storm — about 500 miles — that affected a large swath from southeast Texas through coastal Louisiana and Mississippi, which are still recovering from Hurricane Gustav on Labor Day. That storm, also a Category 2, came ashore near Grand Isle, La.

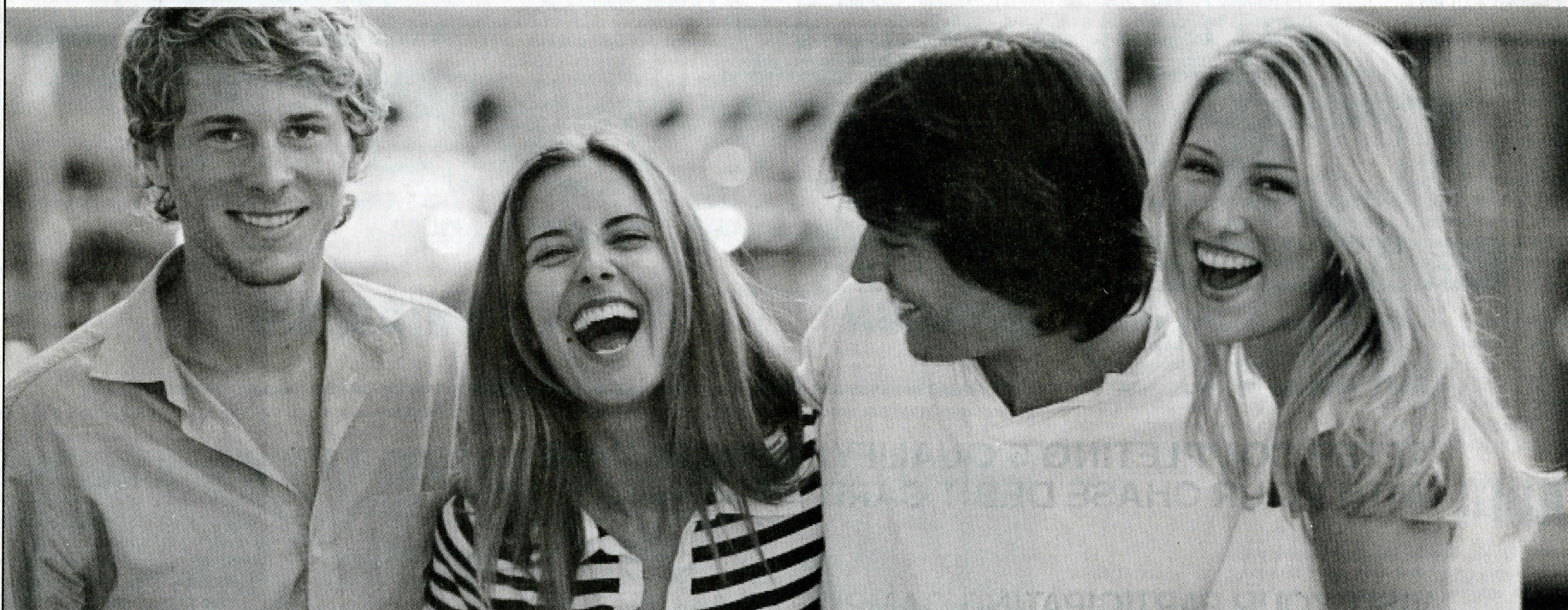
In Louisiana, Gov. Bobby Jindal said 160 people were rescued from flooded areas Friday, and more rescue operations were underway Saturday.

Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach said Ike brought worse flooding to his town than Hurricane Rita did three years ago.

The flooding extended to Mississippi, where schools and waterfront casinos closed Friday, but no deaths or serious injuries were reported. By Saturday the water had begun to slowly subside.

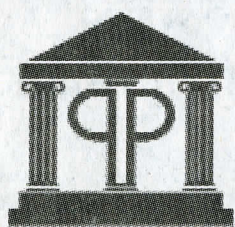
"We dodged another bullet, thank God," said Jay Cuevas, supervisor for Hancock County, Miss., which experienced flooding along with neighboring Harrison and Jackson counties. "We didn't feel the impact we could have."





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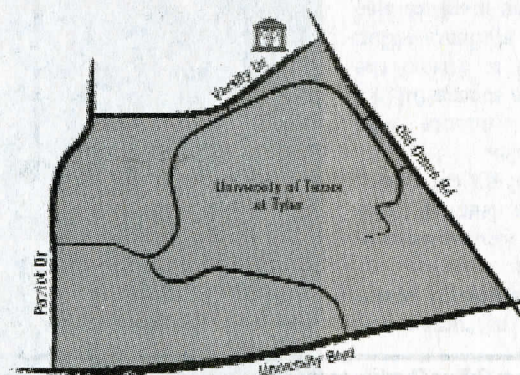
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# WORLD NEWS >> 7

## In storms' wake, humanitarians urge more aid to Cuba

By Oscar Avila

Chicago Tribune (MCT)

MEXICO CITY — Not even Hurricane Ike, a storm that has laid waste to a swath of the Caribbean, has been able to cast aside the hostile stalemate between the U.S. and Cuba's authoritarian regime.

Cuban authorities reported that Ike destroyed hundreds of homes and left four dead as it tore through the island en route to the U.S. Gulf Coast where it was expected to make landfall.

In addition to this wake of destruction, Ike has left a stormy debate in the U.S. government and the Cuban exile community over how to assist Cuban victims.

Farther east in Haiti, the USS Kearsarge dispatched helicopters and amphibious boats to deliver food Tuesday and helped tackle a growing humanitarian crisis caused by widespread flooding that has left at least 330 dead.

But Cuba has always been a little more complicated.

After Hurricane Gustav jolted Cuba last week, the U.S. offered about \$100,000 in humanitarian aid. The State Department said Tuesday that it is considering additional assistance to address damage caused by Ike.

But the aid comes with one condition: that the money not be distributed by the Cuban government, but through independent nonprofit groups.

Cuba rejected those conditions, which gave former Cuban President Fidel Castro yet another opportunity to indirectly blast the U.S., saying "our enemies are rubbing their hands cynically" after the storms.

With hurricane aid now a political football, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez — a U.S. foil and socialist ally of Cuba — jumped into the fray by offering an unspecified amount of assistance. Russia, another U.S. antagonist, also has chipped in.

Venezuela "has adopted measures that constitute the most generous gesture of solidarity that our nation has seen," Castro wrote in an article

published in *Granma*, Cuba's official state newspaper.

The State Department said Tuesday that it is considering additional options after Ike's toll becomes clearer. But officials have publicly affirmed all week that they expect no change in U.S. policy because of the hurricanes.

The Bush administration's hard-line approach remains popular with many in South Florida, home to the largest community of Cubans who fled the island. But even within that group, this month's hurricanes have prompted pointed debates over the administration's policies.

Raul Martinez, a Democratic candidate in a tough House race in the Miami area, urged the Bush administration to loosen restrictions on money sent from U.S. residents to relatives in Cuba. Martinez proposes letting donors visit relatives and send unlimited assistance to their families for at least 90 days.

Martinez, a Cuban-American, has used the issue to rhetorically bludgeon his opponent, incumbent

U.S. Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, who supports the existing policy that limits U.S. residents to visiting relatives every three years and sending \$100 a month to immediate family.

"Bush and the Republicans, they talk about 'compassionate conservatism.' I would plead with them to show some compassion to the people of Cuba. This has nothing to do with the government," Martinez said by phone from Florida.

Diaz-Balart and Cuban-American allies have said the Cuban government is to blame for not allowing independent relief agencies to deliver aid. They say that assistance would eliminate the need for family members in the U.S. to send their own money.

"There are children without milk, there are children living in homes without roofs," said Angel de Fana, a former Cuban political prisoner who heads a Miami-based exile group and supports Diaz-Balart. "The Cuban government needs to forget about politics and not try to capitalize on this painful situation our people are experiencing."

## Seven years later: U.S. 'safe,' South Asia in turmoil

By Jonathan S. Landay

and Saeed Shah

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Seven years after Sept. 11, al-Qaida and its allies are gaining ground across the region where the plot was hatched, staging their most lethal attacks yet against NATO forces and posing a growing threat to the U.S.-backed governments in Afghanistan and nuclear-armed Pakistan.

While there have been no new strikes on the U.S. homeland, the Islamic insurrection inspired by Osama bin Laden has claimed thousands of casualties and displaced tens of thousands of people and shows no sign of slackening in the face of history's most powerful military alliance. The insurgency now stretches from Afghanistan's border with Iran through the southern half of the country. The Taliban are now able to interdict three of the four major highways that connect Kabul, the capital, to the rest of the country.

"I am not convinced we are winning it in Afghanistan," Adm. Michael Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, conceded before a con-

gressional committee on Tuesday.

Experts inside and outside the U.S. government agreed that a key reason for the resurgence is a growing popular sympathy for the militants because an over-reliance on the use of force, especially airpower, by NATO has killed hundreds of civilians.

On Wednesday, Pakistan's military chief, Gen. Ashfaq Kayani, warned that cross-border U.S. missile strikes and commando raids will no longer be tolerated. "The sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country will be defended at all cost," he said.

Mullen said he is examining "a new, more comprehensive strategy for the region," an acknowledgement that the current approach lacks coordinated reconstruction and humanitarian programs.

"We cannot kill our way to victory," said Mullen, who warned that the United States and its allies "are running out of time."

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said efforts to capture or kill bin Laden haven't been without "ups and downs." But, she added, the failure to find him says "a lot about the geography... where al-Qaida decides to hide. And as the president says, Osama bin

Laden is not out there leading any parades."

The United States and its allies have killed and captured thousands of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters, including senior and mid-level leaders.

But bin Laden and his inner circle have established new bases inside Pakistan, where they plotted deadly attacks in London and Madrid, and where U.S. intelligence officials say they're new plotting attacks and training recruits. So have Taliban leader Mullah Omar and his lieutenants, who U.S. officials said have been aided by sympathetic Pakistani military and intelligence officers.

With U.S. forces stretched by the war in Iraq, NATO allies unwilling to commit large numbers of soldiers and the Afghan security forces unable to operate independently, U.S. commanders have too few men to contain the revival of the Taliban and its allies.

This year the Taliban have carried out their most lethal attacks against foreign troops, launching coordinated strikes in different areas that combine regular attackers and suicide bombers.

The most serious came last month when over a two-day period the insurgents hit a major U.S. base in eastern

Afghanistan with at least 10 suicide bombers and a ground force and ambushed a French-Afghan patrol near Kabul. At least 10 elite French paratroopers were killed and 21 injured, the worst loss of NATO troops in a single incident.

Despite killing many more civilians than the allies have, the insurgents are also winning the all important "information war" for the hearts and minds of the region's deeply religious Muslims, U.S. military officials conceded.

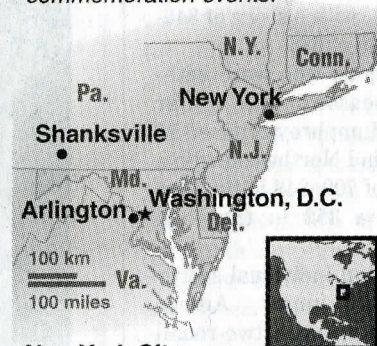
The insurgents' sophisticated propaganda machinery exaggerates civilian casualties caused by foreign forces and reinforces perceptions fueled by U.S. abuses against captured detainees that the Bush administration is waging a war against Islam.

Pakistan has seen an explosion in extremist violence following a succession of U.S.-funded offensives against al-Qaida and other militants in the tribal region.

The operations fueled the emergence of Pakistani militant groups that banded together into the Taliban Movement of Pakistan, or TTP, which Pakistan's Interior Ministry chief, Rehman Malik, recently conceded is under al-Qaida's control.

## Remembering Sept. 11

Seventh anniversary commemoration events:



### New York City

Presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama attend ceremony at Ground Zero

### Shanksville, Pa.

Reading of Flight 93 names

### Washington, D.C.

President, Mrs. Bush observe moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. ET (when terrorist planes first hit the World Trade Center) on White House South Lawn

### Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

Bush attends the dedication of Sept. 11 Pentagon Memorial

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## WOMEN

### Golfers capture third

By Jeremy Cotham  
Sports Editor

In their first action of the season, the Patriots women's golf team finished third at the 2008 UT Dallas Lady Comet Invitational.

The two-round event was held at the Canyon Creek Country Club in Richardson.

The third place finish for the Patriots was the highest finish among the five American Southwest Conference teams participating in the invitational.

University of California at Santa Cruz placed first with of 326 in the first round and a 358 in the second round for a total of 684.

Finishing behind UC Santa Cruz was Northwood University, of the NAIA, with a score of 346-340 for a total of 686.

The Patriots, who were without last season's top golfer Samantha Humphrey, finished 14 strokes behind Northwood with a total score of 700, 348 in the first round and a 352 in the final round.

Patriots' top individual scorer came from junior Amber Grounds, who shot a two-round total of 173, which was good enough for 11th place. Grounds shot an 85 in the first round and followed that round with an 88.

Two spots down from Grounds was her teammate, junior transfer Laci Boley who shot a total score of 174 to finish in 13th.

Other finishers for the Patriots were sophomore Jordan Woodruff and freshman Jennifer King, who both ended the tournament with scores of 177, tying them for 16th place.

The fifth and final finisher for the Patriots was sophomore Lisha Nigh, who finished in 26th place with a two-round total of

## BASEBALL

# Out of the park



Filling the stands: New aluminum bleachers add up to 400 additional seats for UT Tyler Patriots baseball fans.

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## New bleachers to be completed by start of baseball season; Seating features up to 400 new spots for baseball fans

By Dawn Williams  
Contributing writer

Come this spring, Patriot baseball fans can leave

dents."

Previously, the field accommodated only 125 fans in reserved, covered seating behind home plate. Other

"I'm really excited about the new seating at the field," team captain Jared Hood said. "People won't have to sit in lawn chairs or miss out on our games because



place with a two-round total of 186.

Jessica Lewis of UC Santa Cruz won the tournament with a score of 79-83 for a total of 162, which was one stroke better than her teammate, Julia Williams.

Finishing behind the Patriots were Hardin-Simmons University and defending ASC tournament champions, McMurry University, who both ended in a tie for fourth place with team totals of 719.

Up next for the women's golf team is the Mary-Hardin Baylor Fall Invitational on Oct. 6-7 at Wildflower Country Club.

The Patriots men's golf team tee off on their fall season on Saturday at Rhodes College.

## Coming up:

### Tuesday:

Volleyball  
7 p.m. at home UT Tyler vs. UT Dallas.

### Thursday:

Soccer  
Men and women at Mississippi College in Clinton Miss.

### Friday:

Volleyball  
7 p.m. at home UT Tyler vs. East Texas Baptist.

### Saturday:

Cross Country  
ULM Warhawk  
Invitational in Monroe, La.  
Golf  
Men at Rhodes in Tunica Miss.

Soccer  
Men and women at Louisiana College in Pineville, La.

Volleyball  
1 p.m. at home UT Tyler vs. Mississippi College.

Come this spring, Patriot baseball fans can leave their lawn chairs and blankets at home and sit on shiny new aluminum bleachers instead.

Construction workers are putting the finishing touches on two bleacher stands that more than double the seating capacity of Irwin Field.

An anonymous donor made the expansion project possible, officials said.

"It's something the school wanted and decided to do," assistant coach Wes Davis said. "When they saw the need, they took the next step to accommodate the stu-

reserved, covered seating behind home plate. Other fans had to sit on the grass knolls along the first base and third base lines.

The expansion project added two tiered, uncovered bleacher sections on both sides of the reserved section — enough room for about 300-400 fans.

Baseball fan Meredith Houston said the bleachers are a welcomed addition.

"I want to be comfortable and confident that I will have somewhere to sit when I go to the home games at Irwin Field," she said.

Even the players are happy.

to sit in lawn chairs or miss out on our games because they didn't have a seat."

Hood said the bleachers also give fans a better view of the field.

"With the fans there the whole time and more of them, we as players will be able to feel the love from the cheers and confidence they have in us to win games," he said.

The Patriots have earned three American Southwest Conference championship titles — in 2005, 2007, and 2008.

# Harding Bisons wrangle win column; down Patriots 4-1 in Thursday match

By Jeremy Cotham

Sports Editor

Harding University, an NCAA Div. II school, is winless no more thanks in part to a 4-1 win over the Patriots men's soccer team on Thursday.

Coming into the game, the Bisons were 0-5 while their defense had given up 22 goals this season on an average of 23 shots per game.

However, an entirely different Bison team showed up Thursday as they shut out the Patriots for the first 80 minutes of the game while they built a huge second half lead.

Opening the game, both teams went back and forth for the first 27 minutes but it was Harding who struck first as Colby Wilson scored his second goal of the season as he got the ball just by Patriots goalkeeper Mark Oliphant.

Bisons' Odie Guzman recorded the assist.

Both teams exchanged shots for the rest of the first half but no one scored as Harding went into halftime with a 1-0 lead.

Opening the second half, Harding brought in a new goalkeeper (Andrew Flesher) after their starter, James Thurmond, shut the Patriots out in the first 45 minutes.

The Patriots changed goalkeepers as well as they brought in Bailey Williams but unfortunately, he could not hold the 1-0 deficit.

In the 58th minute, Bisons' Carter Truax took a deflected shot at about 18 feet from the goal and returned it past the

goalkeeper for a 2-0 lead. The goal was Truax's first goal of the season as Phillip McCormick recorded the assist.

Less than two minutes later, Harding added on another goal as Connor Galloway took a pass from Truax to score the goal and extend the lead to 3-0, essentially putting the game out of reach.

The Bisons were not through scoring and neither was Galloway.

In the 65th minute, Galloway recorded his first career two-goal game as he scored an unassisted goal to extend the lead to 4-0.

The Patriots were able to knock in a least one score as freshman Kevin Gansert scored an unassisted goal in the 81st minute to make it 4-1.

After Gansert's goal, the Patriots put up five more shots but failed to score anymore goals as the Patriots fell to 1-2 on the young season and Harding improved to 1-5.

The Patriots return to action at 4 p.m. Thursday when they travel to Clinton, Miss. to take on Mississippi College in their American Southwest Conference opener.

Two days later, the Patriots go to Pineville, La. to play Louisiana College.

After two conference road games, the Patriots make their home conference opener on Sept. 25 when Hardin-Simmons University comes to town.



**Patriot Travis Fletcher, left, fights Bison Colby Wilson to keep the ball from going out of bounds. The Patriots lost their Thursday night game 4-1.**

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everything was already set up. ..”

“Can one of you girls help me?” an elderly evacuee interrupts quietly.

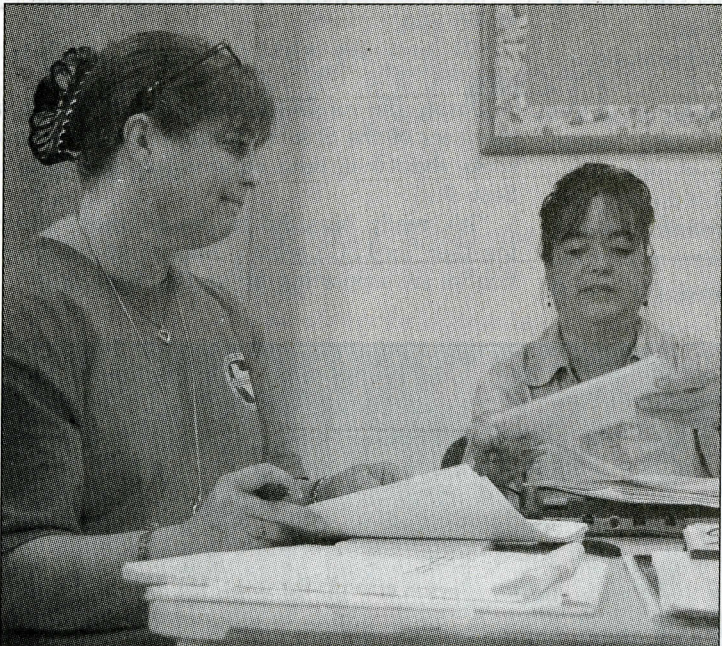
“What do you need?” asked Teresa Gonzalez, another Level 3 nursing student.

Fisher and Gonzalez immediately assist the man by adjusting his oxygen tank and engaging him in small talk. He smiled a little behind the mask before moving off, once again breathing comfortably.

With two large-scale evacuations in less than a month, nursing faculty are not requiring students to spend time at the shelter, Fisher said.

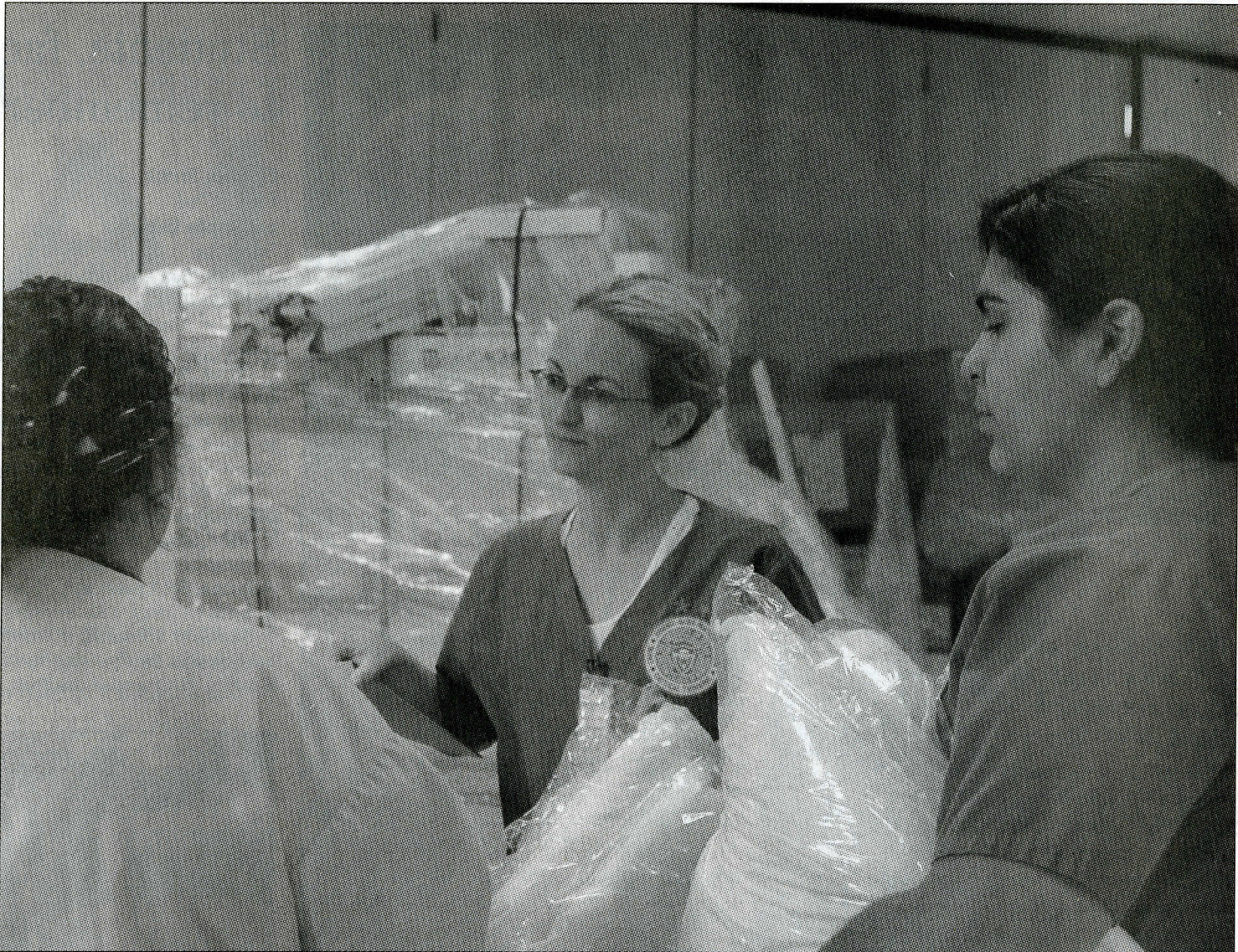
“I think they should require it,” Fisher said.

“I like it,” said Gonzalez, who did not volunteer during Hurricane Gustav. “It’s good learning environment.”



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Above: Teresa Nowland, left, and Abby Farias sort through evacuee paperwork at Glass Recreation Center, pictured below



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Above: Level 3 nursing students Suzanne Fisher, middle, and Teresa Gonzales, right, gather bedding Friday afternoon in preparation for Hurricane Ike evacuees sent to Glass Recreation Center in north Tyler. Below: busses with hurricane evacuees fill the old Wal Mart parking lot on Troup Highway.





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## 10 » WIDE ANGLE



## Students, faculty gather by Harvey Lake to remember Sept. 11 attack victims

**By Allen Arrick**  
Editor in Chief  
**and Ashlie Osburn**  
Staff Writer

More than 70 students gathered on the Harvey Lake deck to commemorate the most devastating attack on American soil. Members of student organizations, faculty and staff spoke

Seven years ago Thursday 19 terrorists high-jacked planes and destroyed the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon. Students, faculty and staff gathered on the Harvey Lake deck to commemorate those who lost their lives.

The Black Student Association on campus sponsored the event to promote unity.

"The main purpose was for members of student organizations to come together," said Joseph Solomon, BSA president. "It's a day of connection – to focus on unity of America instead of the tragedy."

Matthew Einsohm, a senior psychology major, said he had family living in New York during the attacks. He recalled teachers pulling him out of

class to tell him his parents were alive.

"I think it's a great event," Einsohm said. "It shows respect for our nation and for ourselves."

BSA member Sara Khalifa, a freshman, noted how important unity is on Sept. 11.

"I think the people that care will show that they care, and they will show their unity," she said. "Something like this is really important, it is a good way to remember the day."

University President Rodney Mabry attended the event as well as the candlelight vigil afterward.

"It is just wonderful to see everyone together," Mabry said.

"We have very bright students and people that care."

During the candlelight vigil Mabry as well as members of the Student Government Association spoke about their remembrances of the attacks on Sept. 11.

"It's really beautiful to see all these groups together," said SGA senator Nancy Palencia. "I love that we are supporting one another like family."



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Freshman Sara Khalifa places flags, above and right, along the Harvey Lake sidewalk during the Sept. 11 Unity



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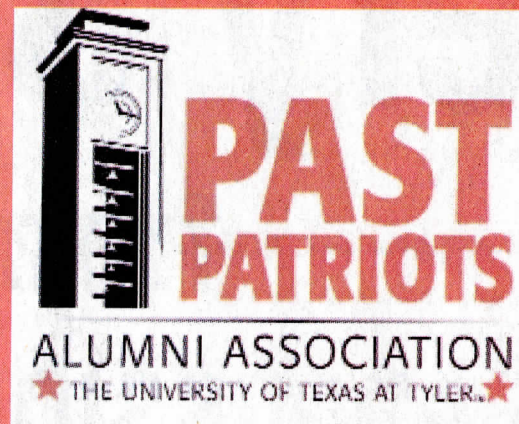
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